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SUBJECT: REPEATED THREATS TO CHRYSLER CORP. PERSONNEL

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4420

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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1. LEGATT CONTACTED HERB LESHINSKY, CHRYSLER MANAGING DIRECTOR, ON JULY 5, 1976. LESHINSKY ADDED THE FOLLOWING TO THAT WHICH WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL: FIVE OTHER CHRYSLER EXECUTIVES RECEIVED THE SAME MIMEOGRAPHED MESSAGE, ALSO CLAIMING CREDIT FOR THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF CHRYSLER EXECUTIVE, JORGE KENNY.

2. LESHINSKY RELATED THAT OSCAR LUIS VIGIL, CHRYSLER DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, WAS POSTED TO BRAZIL BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS INDICATIONS THAT HE HAD BEEN TARGETED BY TERRORISTS (PARA 3, REFTEL): (1) TWO THREATENING PHONE CALLS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST VIGIL, (2) A FRIEND OF VIGIL'S OVERHEARD A PHONE CALL THAT APPEARED TO BE THE PLANNING OF A KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION OF VIGIL, (3) UNNAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE MAKING INQUIRIES AT VIGIL'S CLUB CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES, AND (4) THE UNAUTHORIZED PRESENCE WAS NOTICED AT VIGIL'S CLUB OF A CHRYSLER EMPLOYEE WHO IS A KNOWN FOLLOWER OF A MARXIST UNION OFFICIAL.

3. LESHINSKY REPORTED THAT HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL WAS THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE). A "CAPTAIN MIGUEL" WHO HAD DETAILED

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE ASSASSINATION PLAN HAD ESCAPED SIE'S CAPTURE.

4. RSO COMMENT: "LA PRENSA" NEWSPAPER REPORTED TODAY (JULY 13) THE DEATH OF FOUR ERP MEMBERS JULY 8 IN BANCALARI, A NORTHERN BUENOS AIRES SUBURB. ONE OF THE DEAD WAS LISTED AS AN ABIGALI ATTADEMUS, AKA "CAPTAIN MIGUEL."

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCLUDING RSOS, HAVE BRIEFED BUSINESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS CONCERNING GOOD SECURITY PRACTICES, IT STILL SEEMS THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BEING OBSERVED BY THEM. IN THE OVERHEARD PHONE CALL CONCERNING VIGIL, A STREET CORNER NEAR HIS HOUSE WAS MENTIONED TOGETHER WITH THE TIME OF 7 P.M. LESHINSKY SAYS VIGIL CUSTOMARILY DEPARTED THE PLANT AT THIS TIME EACH DAY.
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